

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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~~The invention relates to a~~ A dispensing device ~~for dispenses~~ drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs, especially coffee, milk, soft drinks or soups. ~~Said~~ The dispensing device ~~comprises~~ includes an identification device for identifying a vertical height of a container for receiving the foodstuff and for emitting a height signal, a filling device which can be arranged in such a way that the height thereof can be adjusted in relation to the container, and a control device which sets the filling device to a pre-controllable filling level in relation to the container, on the basis of the height signal, before the foodstuff is introduced into the container. In this way, a container can be filled in an optimum manner without spilling.